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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

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## Overview

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During July 2009 the Southern Command, like other state agencies, began the implementation of mandated furlough days for our employees. The loss of a work day for every employee each month has created a significant managerial challenge. While the furlough requirement results in decreased resources, our calls for service are not anticipated to decrease. This means that response times to calls for service will likely increase slightly and discretionary time for proactive enforcement will likely decrease slightly.

Southern Command personnel handled 979 crashes in July 2009. of these, 730 were property damage, 246 were injury, and 3 were fatal. The total crashes decreased by 9.1 % compared to last year. When compared to last year, fatalities decreased by 3 for a total decrease of 50%. 33 of these crashes involved commercial vehicles 9 resulted in injuries. The remaining 24 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 3.4% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 4.2 % of all crashes in the Southern Command.

This summer marks the first year that the Highway Patrol Division participated in Operation Falcon. Operation Falcon is a multi agency fugitive sweep facilitated by the US Marshall Service. This year's FALCON was the most successful fugitive sweep in the history of the USMS in Nevada. In total, 403 felony fugitives were arrested and 611 warrants were cleared. In all, 135 agents from 32 agencies conducted successful operations in Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Nye County, Washoe County, Sparks, Reno and Carson City.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	Jul -09		Jul-08	% Change		Jun-09	% Change
Total crashes	979		1077	-9.1%		1046	-6.4%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	730		783	-6.8%		756	-3.4%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	246		288	-14.6%		289	-14.9%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3		6	-50.0%		5	-40.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	41		36	13.9%		38	7.9%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3		7	-57.1%		6	-50.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2		3	-33.3%		1	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		2	-50.0%		0	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		0	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		2	-200.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		3	-300.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	33		57	-42.1%		38	-13.2%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	24		44	-45.5%		30	-20.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	9		13	-30.8%		8	12.5%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes was 0.3%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes was 4.2%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed was 100.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes was 3.4%
- ✱ Total crashes were down 9.1% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes were down 42.1% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes were down 50.0% from the same time as last year.

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	Jul-09		Jul-08	% Change		Jun-09	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	41		36	13.9%		36	13.9%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	167		167	0.0%		147	13.6%
Other arrests	945		877	7.8%		821	15.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	377		383	-1.6%		353	6.8%
Speed violations	4373		4627	-5.5%		4188	4.4%
Hazardous moving violations	2106		2224	-5.3%		2025	4.0%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	680		721	-5.7%		490	38.8%
Total violations [above violations included]	14580		12110	20.4%		15035	-3.0%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	75		96	-21.9%		61	23.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	197		343	-42.6%		172	14.5%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	728		946	-23.0%		896	-18.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		9	-900.0%		4	-400.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	456		418	9.1%		603	-24.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2163		1654	30.8%		2764	-21.7%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	116		93	24.7%		192	-39.6%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	76		58	31.0%		93	-18.3%
Total school buses inspected	156		253	-38.3%		80	95.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	23		26	-11.5%		5	360.0%
Total trucks weighed	1497		1226	22.1%		855	75.1%
Total overweight citations	18		57	-68.4%		27	-33.3%
Total dyed fuel inspections	542		749	-27.6%		605	-10.4%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0		47		0
Safety Violations Citation	0		11		0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0		55		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		4		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		4		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.17 %
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 29.53 years old.
- ✱ None of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 7 drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	July 2009	July 2008	% Change	June 2009	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>					
Radio Transmissions from Console	358,323	361,865	-1.0%	356,104	0.6%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	System down	1,802,577		1,739,749	
CAD Incidents	27,165	27,165	0.3%	25,974	4.6%
Telephone Calls	35,293	36,076	-2.2%	34,292	2.9%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	25	57	-56.1%	Elec. Issue	#VALUE
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>					
Accident Reports Processed	1,268	1,164	8.9 %	974	30.2 %
Arrest Reports Processed	308	511	-39.7%	377	-18.3%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	29	24	20.8%	14	107.1%
Vehicle Impound Releases	144	135	6.7%	89	61.8%
Visitors at Counter	932	756	23.3%	905	3.0%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	3,087	5,863	-47.3%	1,822	69.4%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>					
Warrants Received	994	855	16.3 %	630	57.8%
Warrants Entered	501	396	26.5%	407	23.1%
Warrants Cleared	459	311	47.6%	333	37.8%
Warrants Validated	1,905	System down	#VALUE	1,772	7.5%
Extradition / Transports	28	25	12.0%	30	-6.7%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>					
New Cases Submitted	69	54	27.8%	51	35.3%
New Items Submitted	185	119	55.5%	105	76.2%
Items Disposed	4	64	-93.8%	10	-60.0%

**EVIDENCE**

- Nevada Highway Patrol was responsible for 81.16% of case submissions.
- Parole and Probation was responsible for 14.50% of case submissions.
- Division of Investigation was responsible for 4.35 % of case submissions.
- State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- OPR was responsible for 0% of case submissions.

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- 10 Contracts using 331.5hours, billed in the amount of \$23,947.61

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
1294	6	104	21	4

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
1061	757	20	96	61	35

Community service appearances: (Total 7)

Schools:

- Spring Valley HS
- Mojave HS
- Canyon Springs HS (2 visits)
- Foothill HS (2 visits)
- UNLV campus traffic presentation

Additional Appearances and Meetings: (Total 38)

- Southern Nevada Traffic Advisory Task Force
- IR 15 Coordinating meeting with NDOT, Cal-Trans, and CHP
- Nellis Air Force Base – First Term Airman’s Course
- IR 15 Design Build project meetings
- Taping of Joining Forces PSAs for Lotus Broadcasting
- Taping of PSAs for California Highway Radio
- On-going training for Meth 360 Project
- coordinate DPS recruiting photos

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Flight Operations

Southern Command

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**Content:**

Flight operations summary

*Nevada Highway Patrol Flight Operations*

Sergeant/Pilot Tony Sabino

## Overview

The Southern Command Aircraft flew 13 missions accounting for 40.8 total flight hours. Refer below for a brief description of activity.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
9	35.6	87	Speed Enforcement
2	4.3	11	Prisoner transports (Instate)
1	.5	1	Search for ELT
1	.4	1	Night Currency Training

The southern command pilot was interviewed this month for the up and coming series "Dangerous Drives" produced by Pangolin Pictures. Brian, the photographer slash reporter experienced first hand of how our aircraft plays a vital role in fighting dangerous drivers from below. The footage from the show is expected to be out this November. In addition, Channel 2 from Laughlin Bullhead will feature our aircraft in an upcoming segment regarding flight operations. Sammy and Bree, reporter and photographer also witnessed a routine traffic stop for speed turn into an arrest for DUI.

Continued problems with our transponders were experienced once again this month. Sunrise Mountain Avionics has continued to troubleshoot the problem and has narrowed it down to a bad coaxial cable that runs from the antenna to the transponder. Both transponders which are over 10 years old in the aircraft have been very reliable until now. If further problems are encountered, the purchase of a new Garmin 327 unit will be forthcoming.

The pilot completed his required night currency training this month.

The aircraft was utilized for the transportation of two prisoners between the northern and southern commands.

Nine enforcement missions flown yielded a total of 282 enforcement actions. During these missions 10 motorists were assisted. One driver was arrested for DUI. In addition, during an enforcement mission the aircraft received an ELT tone from another aircraft. After alerting tower and center frequencies, the southern command searched for the aircraft. Unable to find, it was suggested that the ELT signal was coming from a parked aircraft at the Sun Valley airport in Arizona.

The table below contains a brief description of enforcement activity.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	232
Hazardous	3
Non-Hazardous	43
Seatbelts	4

Our top clock for the month was 112 mph, silver Nissan on I-15 near Primm. Three other vehicles were in excess of 100 mph. Two were at 106mph and the other at 102 mph.